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Tersely Told Town Tales

Piano Recital May 4.—Adv.
Old papers for sale at this office.
A new sign adorns the Bank of Mansfield.
Piano Recital May 4 at Opera House.—Adv.
Carbon paper at this office—2 sheets for 5c.
Lots of new goods at 5c and 10c store.—Adv.
Big bargains every day—Cash Mercantile Co.—adv.
Special Sunday dinner at the Mansfield Hotel.—Adv.
Go to Fullington's for your Congoleum Rugs.—Adv.
All Winter Underwear at a big reduction at J.D. Reynolds.—Adv.
The most of the best for the least.—Cash Mercantile Co.—adv.
The Missouri State Fair will be held at Sedalia Sept. 25-Oct. 2.
Get a Kodak and join the Kodak party.—Coday Drug Store.—Adv.
Band benefit entertainment—Friday night, May 7; 10c and 20c.—Adv.
J. D. Reynolds is closing out his Men's High-Cut Shoes at cost.—Adv.
Mrs. W. E. Yowell's address is ordered changed from Rolla to St. James.
Remember the piano recital at the opera house Tuesday evening May 4.—Adv.
R.E. Coday orders his address changed from Turkey Ford, Ok., to Mansfield.
On every outing a Kodak is the first article to think of.—Coday's Drug Store.—Adv.
A. T. Friend has been buying stock in Southwest Missouri and Northern Arkansas.
New line of Hosiery for men, women and children at the 5c and 10c store.—Adv.
I am going to take my Cream to J. D. Reynolds Mercantile Co. Why don't you?—Adv.
FOR SALE—Scholarship in the Central Business College at Sedalia. Call at this office.
Enjoy one of those special Sunday dinners at the Mansfield Hotel next Sunday.—Adv.
If you need a Binder see J. C. Carter. He handles the McCormick, prices right.—Adv.
A lot of Clothing and Ladies' Cloaks at cost.
Adv. J. D. REYNOLDS.
We are buying Cream now—and buying every day.
Adv. J. D. REYNOLDS.
There was quite a strong wind Thursday night. The pump at the Mansfield Hotel was wrecked by its force.
J.A. Renfrew, a nephew of the Mirror editor, has been elected mayor of Alva, one of Oklahoma's leading cities.
The pupils of Miss Alice Tomblison will give a piano recital at the opera house May 4. Admission 10c.—Adv.
Ed. J. Floyd, of Mountain Grove, and Miss Ethlyn Hartzog, of Plato, were married at Springfield Monday.
J. W. Brazal, manager of the D. J. Landers Lumber Co., has received some boards 4 feet wide and 16 feet long.
The best of music—and fun for all—at band entertainment—Friday night, May 7; admission 10c and 20c.—Adv.
B. D. Bruton, who has several relatives in Wright and Webster counties, has been elected councilman at Dunlap, Kas.
Go to J. D. Reynolds and buy all your Farm Wagons, Buggies, and all kinds of Plow Implements as they have the best money will buy.—Adv.
COMING—Dr. W. S. Manley, Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist will be in Mansfield, Thursday, May 6. Bring in your colts you want castrated.—Adv.
The bulbs and flowers for the city park have been obtained at wholesale prices from the Springfield Seed Co., through the kindness of the Mansfield Produce Co.

Step into our store—and get a Kodak.—Coday Drug Store—Adv.
Band Entertainment—Friday night, May 7; admission 10c and 20c.—Adv.
Don't forget we are buying Cream for the Mountain Grove Creamery.—J. D. Reynolds—Adv.
G. W. Freeman & Son's store is brimful of bright, new Spring Merchandise, and nowhere will you find greater variety or better values.—adv.
Dr. F. H. Riley, the Dentist, will be in his Hartsville office May 10 to 15, returning to his Mansfield office May 17. Remember his dates.—Adv.
For Sale—400 square feet of Sweet Potato Plants.—Early Jersey Red, Red Spanish, Big Yellow Yam. N. S. TYSON, Route 2, Box 22, Mansfield, Mo.—Adv.
We can save you money on new subscriptions or renewals for any magazine or newspaper published. Subscribe for all your reading matter through the Mirror office.
The most ex-cruciating, side-splitting, rip roaring negro farce on the stage—"The Nigger Justice"—at band entertainment—Friday night, May 7; admission 10c and 20c.—Adv.
Buster, the young son of Dr. Harrison and wife, fell into a cistern at the Harrison home Friday. Fortunately there was but little water in the well and the child was rescued, unhurt, by Roy Norcross.
Engine No. 3614, which has been in use by the K. C., O. & S. R. R., has been sent to the Frisco shops at Springfield for repairs, and engine No. 3662, which had been at Ava, has been put into active service.
The Mountain Grove Hotel had a narrow escape from fire Tuesday, caused by the explosion of a torch in use by a workman who was repairing the damage to the hotel caused by the recent big fire in Mountain Grove.
Band music, cornet solos, trombone solos, violin solos, comic monologue, concluding with an up-to-date after piece, "The Nigger Justice," at band entertainment, Friday night, May 7; admission 10c and 20c.—Adv.
S. L. Kies, formerly of Mountain Grove, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for embezzling \$5,200 from the M.K.&T. freight office at Sedalia, where he had been employed.
County Collector J.R. Deckard and wife of Hartsville sends \$1 for the cemetery fund and says: "We did not get to attend the trip around the world—but we beg leave to show our appreciation of the work this much, anyway."
The young people of the Baptist church will give an ice cream social in the park Saturday afternoon and evening of May 29. Everybody is cordially invited. The ladies to bring their fancy work and spend the afternoon.
Dr. Mack Davis, veterinary surgeon, has located here for the practice of his profession, occupying the R.J. Freeman property. He has practiced in this community for several years, and will doubtless enjoy a good patronage.
LOST—Between W. R. Shirley's farm and Mansfield, a woolen shawl, dark gray on one side, light gray on other; fringe all around shawl. Finder will receive reward by leaving shawl at this office or with Mrs. W.R. Shirley.—Adv.
Prof. E. J. Knight, well known here and one of the leading educators of Southwest Missouri, has been reemployed as superintendent of the Buffalo public school, in which capacity he has given such excellent satisfaction for the past four years.
Marvine Hunt, aged 1 year, 11 months and 10 days, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the home of her parents, Marvin Hunt and wife, 2 miles south of Macomb, death resulting from bronchopneumonia. The body was shipped to Kansas for burial.

Purely Personal Paragraphs

Dr. Mack Davis was in Springfield Tuesday.
J. W. Byng of Ava was here during the week.
C.L. Beach transacted business in Ava yesterday.
Dr. F. B. Fuson of Springfield was here Saturday.
Prof. Samuel Matthis was in Seymour yesterday.
G.W. Freeman was in Strafford Tuesday on business.
Mrs. Martha Crane of Cedar Gap was here yesterday.
Fred Grover and wife spent Saturday in Springfield.
Mrs. Geo. B. Freeman is visiting relatives at Wichita, Kans.
S. H. Robertson and Frank Liggett of Macomb were here Monday.
C. W. Beach left this week for Van Buren and other points on business.
Miss Lizzie Dobey of Seymour visited at the Jake Hoover home during the week.
R. E. Horn of Seymour, salesman for the Independent silo, was here Tuesday.
Miss Robinett, of Mountain Grove, visited O. L. Robinett and family this week.
Mrs. Elizabeth Deets is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Riley.
Mrs. M.W. Oliver has returned to her home in Joplin after a visit here and at Hartsville.
Col. T. A. Kay, the Ava auctioneer, was here this week, having sales in this vicinity.
Messdames N.J. Craig and J.C. Carter, and Snyder Craig were Springfield visitors Tuesday.
J. H. Martin and wife of Ava have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hylton.
R. N. Farren and wife, W. B. Hitchcock and wife, and W. S. Cameron of Ashland, Ore., autoed to Hartsville Sunday.
Mrs. G. S. Burney is Mansfield's representative at the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association at Kansas City this week.
Drs. R.M. Rogers and J.A. Fuson are in Springfield attending the meeting of the Southwest Missouri Medical Association, of which Dr. Rogers is president.
C. R. Borders and family, who recently moved to near Wynnewood, Okla., have returned to their farm near Mansfield. The Oklahoma climate did not agree with them.
R. L. Handy, who has been working on a farm near Shenandoah, Iowa, is now working on a farm near Springfield. Roy Handy is also employed on a farm near Springfield.
T. F. Lenhart was called to Fordland Tuesday to embalm the body of Mrs. Shultz, who died at that place at 2:35 that afternoon of cerebral softening of the brain at the age of 65 years.
C.A. Stephens and son Everett, P. W. Newton and wife and J. D. Reynolds and wife are at Joplin, where Messrs. Stephens, Newton and Reynolds are attending the grand chapter meeting of the Royal Arch Masons.
Dr. J. A. Fuson, Postmaster M. E. Gorman, Jason Findley, Dr. B. E. Latimer and Jap Garner, the two latter of Hartville, composed a fishing party near Hartville Tuesday night, catching a big string of fish.
Circuit Clerk S. A. Reed and wife, of Springfield, have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. N. Farren. They expect to leave soon to spend the summer in Washington and at the California Expositions.
Dr. F. H. Riley, J.D. Reynolds and F. D. Mooney of Mansfield, and Dr. B. E. Latimer and Arch Young of Hartville were members of a fishing party at Grimes Mill on the Gasconade last week. They have our thanks for some fine fish.

The W.C.T. U. held a mothers' meeting with Mrs. C. L. Beach Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. W. Hoover was called to Seymour this week by the death of her uncle, Riley Bryant, who died Sunday and was buried Monday.
The M. E. Ladies Aid Society met Friday afternoon with Mrs. M.E. West. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. G.S. Burney Friday afternoon, May 7.
An operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids was performed at Springfield Saturday on Paul Hylton. A similar operation was recently performed on Morris Bradfield.
The St. Louis Business Men's League contemplate a "get-acquainted tour of the state, making the trip in a special car that is scheduled to pass through Mansfield May 12 over the Frisco.
Col. F. M. Mansfield, John A. Dennis, N. J. Wheelchel, N. N. Wheelchel and Dr. A. J. Farmer, with members of their families and friends, motored over from Hartsville Sunday and were shown through the Freeman vault in the Mansfield cemetery by T. F. Lenhart.
Dr. C. G. McNaul and Mrs. Frank McCoy of Altoona, Pa., and Miss Clara McNaul of San Diego, Cal., are visiting at the home of their brother, S. C. McNaul. The doctor and Mrs. McCoy had been at San Diego attending the Exposition and visiting Miss Clara, and the latter accompanied them to Mansfield. She has been in rather poor health and it was thought the Ozark climate might benefit her. She and Mrs. McCoy will probably remain here for some time, but the doctor will make only a short visit here.

A Famous Missouri Writer

Sunday's St. Louis Republic contains an article by Robert Love concerning William H. Hamby, the noted magazine writer.
Mr. Hamby is a native of the Ozarks and is a cousin of N. J. Craig, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Mansfield. Mr. Hamby was a Mansfield visitor last year, and he and Mr. Craig were members of a fishing party on the White River. Mr. Craig bringing home as a trophy a monster catfish the largest ever caught in that river, as far as is known.
Mr. Hamby has sold over two million words of matter, mostly short story fiction, finding a ready market for every article he writes, although he wrote for seven years without being able to sell a single article. He does not have an acquaintance with the magazine editors who buy his articles, selling them on their merit alone.
When a youth, Mr. Hamby was a great reader. His first purchase is said to have been "The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin," which, the story says, he swapped for a pistol that had a spring so weak he had to snap it twice to get it to go off.
The Republic doesn't say so, but nevertheless it is a fact that this self-same book is still to be found in the library of N.J. Craig of Mansfield. Whether Mr. Hamby still has the pistol, the deponent sayeth not. Mr. Craig says he is still in the market for such grades as he made with Mr. Hamby on that occasion.
The Republic story contains the following incidents in Mr. Hamby's career:
In a recent talk with Mr. Hamby I insisted that he tell me a few things about himself, but I found that he preferred to talk about other persons. All that he said was of such friendly kindness that I requested him to talk similarly as to himself and finally I got him started.
"I have always been fond of walking and of outdoor life of any kind," he said, "especially rowing, swimming and fishing. My first experience in walking has not been beaten often. I think. When I was a boy of 13 my cousin, N. J. Craig, now a banker at Mansfield, Mo., and I ran away and walked 18 miles to circus, followed the parade all over town, took in the big show and all the sideshows and walked back home that night. We made 36 miles in one day, to say nothing of side trips. Of course, farm work was rather stale for us after that for a while."
"Two other of my youthful exploits were an effort to reproduce Solomon's temple out of black-jack saplings cut by the other fellows, and to build a ship, run down the Gasconade river to Hartville, steal the cannon out of the courthouse yard, float on down the river five miles and shoot up a fish trap that was violating the law. My plans were all strategically correct, and failed only because the other fellows fell down on handling the cross-saw."
"Thus early do we see Romance and Adventure taking possession of the future writer. As Mr. Hamby grew older he became more interested in realism, as his numerous stories of actual human life go to prove. Somebody down in the Ozarks, who has known him for years, said to me:
"This man Hamby likes just plain folks about as well as any man I know. He like to mix with people and talk to them—just any kind of people; and he always gets good writing material out of them, even though they don't know it themselves. Hamby can find inspiration in a clodhopper or a crown prince."
This came to memory at the time of the interview at present under dissection, but was not mentioned to Hamby. The writ

er was pleased, however, when Hamby remarked:

"I am fond of almost everything. There is no phase of life that does not interest me, and I am particularly fond of people."
When Hamby was 16 years old he began teaching school in the Ozarks. From the experiences of his first year as teacher he wrote an article which he published more than 20 years later in World's Work, under the title, "A Year in a Country School." This article evoked many columns of comment and discussion in prominent newspapers throughout the country.
Mr. Hamby was graduated from Mountain Grove Academy in 1893 and later took work in the Springfield Normal, in Drury College and at the University of Missouri.
"I continued to teach," he said, "until I was 20, when I bought a newspaper at Seymour. I ran the paper until I had to teach school again to pay its debts. Then I taught school until I had to buy another paper to pay my schoolteaching debts. Eight years ago I quit the newspaper business and since then have devoted all my time to writing for magazines, which I have found a very delightful line of work."
"I think my earliest ambition was to be a writer. When I was a boy I hesitated as to whether I should write the world's saddest book or be a telegraph operator. It seemed to me awfully interesting to sit and pound the key and not pay any attention while somebody pounded the window with money for a railroad ticket."
Mr. Hamby was recently selected by Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism, to take the lead in organizing a Missouri writers guild at "Journalism Week"—May 3-7—at the University of Missouri at Columbia.
The Mirror editor expects to leave for Columbia the first of the week to attend the Journalism week sessions.

Miss Bertha Miller Winner

True to her reputation, Mansfield has again demonstrated her claim to the title of the Gem City of the Ozarks, by winning first honors in the Southwest Missouri Inter-High School Declamatory Contest at Springfield April 22.
It is said there were more entries in the contest this year than in any previous year, but Miss Bertha Miller of the Mansfield High School was unanimously accorded first place. She is a young lady of remarkable talent, and her ability is shown by the fact that in this contest with the best talent in the high schools represented, all located in cities larger than Mansfield, she was an easy winner.
We are indeed pleased to record this honor that has come to Wright county, to Mansfield, to our high school, and to Miss Miller.
The following excerpts are from the Springfield dailies:
The declamatory contest held for the class B schools in the Stone chapel at Drury college was of a high standard, the gold medal for first place going to Miss Bertha Miller of the Mansfield High School on a declamation, "The Dumb Waiter." Harry Wright of Marshfield took second place with "Stein at the Piano," receiving a silver medal for the place. Honorable mention was made of Miss Jewell Rudy of Pierce City, who gave a declamation, "Jones in a Cadillac." Other entrants in the contest were R. L. Brandenburg, Golden City; Miss Helen Sweeney, El Dorado Springs; and Miss Groves, Republic. The judges were Prof. L. A. Doran of the Springfield High School, Prof. T. O. Irion of the Springfield Normal and Miss Madeline Lewis of the Drury college faculty.—Republican
The class B contest was almost entirely humorous, there being some excellent ability shown in the particular kind of effort. Miss Miller, winner of the first place in this contest, used for her subject, "The Dumb Waiter." She presented the humorous little selection in truly good and pleasing style, winning the first place unanimously. "Rubenstein at the Piano," by Harry Wright of Marshfield, won second place, and "Jones in a Cadillac," by Miss Jewell Rudy of Pierce City was also mentioned in the choice of one of the judges. Last year a Drury scholarship was given to the winner of first place in the class A contest and to second place a half scholarship. This year in both contests a gold medal for first place and a sterling silver one for second place were awarded.—Leader.

Fire at Cedar Gap

A telephone message to the Mirror from Cedar Gap Tuesday morning reported the burning at 10:30 that morning of a house belonging to Mr. Reed, of Memphis, Tenn. The house, together with contents was a total loss. We understand that the loss was about \$1,000 with no insurance. The house was used by the Reeds as a summer home, and was unoccupied at the time.
The burned building was located south of the Frisco tracks, near the residences of Messrs Spain, Erb, Edmond and Brown. These also caught fire, but by hard work a fire loss of many thousands of dollars was prevented.
We understand that the fire was supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Cemetery Benefit Fund

Balance Last Report.....	\$103.46
Mrs. James Bell.....	1.00
Mrs. Sarah Davis.....	1.00
Mrs. Jay Tripp.....	1.00
G. W. Burnett and H. D. Moore.....	5.00
J. R. Deckard and Wife.....	1.00
Mrs. F. M. Young.....	1.00
Miss Queen Chapman.....	1.00
Total.....	\$114.46

The 50c credited last week to Paris Rippee should have been credited to Jack Rippee.

Bank Officials Re-Elected

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank Monday, J. D. Reynolds, N. J. Craig, P.W. Newton and Dr. J. A. Fuson were re-elected directors.
The present officers were re-elected as follows:
J. D. Reynolds, President.
P. W. Newton, Vice President.
N. J. Craig, Cashier.
J. E. Craig, Assistant Cashier.

For the Best Silos

On the market see Simon Carter; he sells the Independent Silo, best quality and lowest prices on the market; see him before you buy.—Adv.

For Sale

Good span of 6 year-old mares for sale at a reasonable price for cash or good note. See Dr. J. A. Fuson.—adv.

Farm Loans

At lowest prevailing rates. No delay.
Adv. GEO. B. FREEMAN.

At Christian Church

Rev. W. H. Anderson preaches at the Christian church Sunday